

F-8877

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Tatsuya SAKAGAMI, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/555,145  
For : SEAT RING WITH INSERT FOR BUTTERFLY  
VALVE, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: